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OFFICE OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE INSANE.

Helena, Montana, December 1, 1895.

To His Excellency, JOHN E. RICKARDS, Governor of Montana:

The State Board of Commissioners for the Insane, in compliance with the requirements of law, respectfully submit this their Fourth Annual Report, for the fiscal year ending December 1, 1895.

At the beginning of the fiscal year commencing December 1, 1894, there were two hundred and ninety-six (296) patients in the Asylum, of whom two hundred and forty-four (244) were males, and fifty-two (52) were females.

The number admitted since the first day of December, 1894, up to and including November 30th, 1895, was one hundred and eleven (111); eighty-two (82) males, and twenty-nine (29) females. The number discharged, died, and escaped was sixty-eight (68), besides five (5) who were removed by their friends.

The whole number under treatment from December 1, 1894, to November 30, 1895, was four hundred and seven (407); three hundred and twenty-six (326) males, and eighty-one (81) females. The number of patients under treatment November 30, 1895, was three hundred and thirty-four (334); two hundred and seventy-four (274) males, and sixty (60) females.

Of the whole number admitted since December 1, 1894, there have been discharged as recovered 35.1 per cent.; while of the whole number treated there have been discharged as recovered 9.6 per cent.

The Insane Asylum, which is located at Warm Springs, Montana, continues in charge of Doctors Mitchell and Mussigbrod under their contract with the State for two years beginning April 6th, 1894.

It will be apparent from an examination of the tables which form part of this report, that the population of the Asylum continues to increase at even greater ratio than we anticipated at the time of our last report, December 1, 1894, when we recommended that the Legislature make an appropriation for the fiscal year ending December 1, 1895, of \$105,000, the total expense of the Insane Asylum for the year being \$106,217.10, leaving a deficiency of \$1,217.10.

If the same ratio of increase continues for the current year, the appropriation of \$110,000 asked for, for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1896, will certainly prove to be no more than sufficient to meet the necessary expenses.

The following are eight tables prepared by the Clerk of the Board from information received from the Contractors relating to patients confined in the Asylum, and which set out facts as follows:

TABLE I.

Gives a condensed list, and furnishes an idea of the number of patients in the Asylum December 1, 1894, and up to November 30, 1895, the number who have entered; number discharged and the number who have died since December 1, 1894.

TABLE II.

Gives a classification of the mental disorders now existing in the Asylum.

TABLE III.

Shows the county in which each patient resided previous to the date of his admission to the Asylum. From this table it will be seen that four of the patients were received from the State Prison at Deer Lodge, Montana.

TABLE IV.

Shows the birth-place of American-born patients confined in the Asylum.

TABLE V.

Shows the birth-place of foreign-born patients confined in the Asylum.

TABLE VI.

Shows the number of American-born and foreign-born patients, and those whose nativity is unknown, in the Asylum November 30, 1895.

TABLE VII.

Gives the occupation of the patients previous to their confinement in the Asylum.

TABLE VIII.

Shows the number of patients who have died in the Asylum since December 1, 1894; the date and cause of their death; nativity; age on admission, and the length of time confined in the Asylum.

TABLES A AND B.

In addition to the foregoing, relate to the expense incurred for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1895.

TABLE A.

Shows the amount paid the Contractors monthly for the care and keeping of the Insane, and also for clothing and cash paid out to those who have been discharged; all of which relate to the fiscal year ending November 30, 1895.

TABLE B.

Show the expense incurred by the State Board of Commissioners for the Insane during the fiscal year ending November 30, 1895.

The Board desires to express its appreciation of the services to it by Miss Ella McHale, the efficient clerk whose appointment dated December 1, 1894. Miss McHale performed the duties of her office acceptably and to the satisfaction of the Board, and her resignation was accepted April 25th, 1895, with regret.

Mr. T. W. Lawson succeeded Miss McHale as clerk to the Board and was himself succeeded by Mr. W. D. Gardiner, the latter's appointment dating from December 1, 1895.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. RICKARDS,

Governor, and President of the Board.

H. J. HASKELL,

Attorney General, and Member of Board.

L. ROTWITT,

Secretary of State, and Secretary of the Board.

Members of the State Board of Commissioners for the Insane.

MAY CUTHBERT,

Clerk of the Board.

TABLE NO. 1.

Movement of Population from December 1, 1894 to November 30, 1895.

	Male	Female	Total
Number in Asylum December 1, 1894.....	244	52	296
Number Admitted during period.....	82	29	111
Total Number of cases treated.....	326	81	407
Number discharged recovered.....	27	12	39
Number discharged improved *.....		5	5
Number died during period.....	19	4	23
Number escaped during period.....	6		6
Number remaining in Asylum Nov. 30, 1895.....	274	60	334
Increase during fiscal year.....	30	8	38

* Improved, refers to those patients removed by friends.

Percentage of recoveries on number treated.....	9.6 per cent
Percentage of recoveries on number admitted.....	35.1 per cent
Percentage of deaths.....	5.7 per cent

TABLE NO. 2.

Form of disease of patients in the Asylum, November 30th, 1895.

DISEASE	No.
Chronic Alcoholism.....	1
Chronic Confusion. Insanity.....	74
Chronic Delusion. Insanity.....	18
Dementia.....	83
Epileptic Insanity.....	24
Homicidal Impulses.....	1
Idiocy.....	6
Imbecility.....	14
Melancholia.....	49
Paranoia.....	33
Periodic Insanity.....	2
Primary Confusion. Insanity.....	4
Primary Deterioration.....	8
Secondary Confusion. Insanity.....	3
Simple Mania.....	8
Stuporous Insanity.....	3
Syphilitic Insanity.....	2
Traumatic Insanity.....	1
Total.....	334

TABLE NO. 3.

Names of the Counties from which the patients were received at the Asylum and the number of patients from each County.

County	Males	Females	Total
Beaverhead.....	13	1	14
Cascade	11	4	15
Choteau	11		11
Custer.....	7	1	8
Dawson.....	2		2
Deer Lodge.....	37	9	46
Fergus	7		7
Flathead	3		3
Gallatin.....	20	4	24
Granite.....	3		3
Jefferson	8	1	9
Lewis & Clarke.....	35	15	50
Madison	10	1	11
Meagher.....	13		13
Missoula	26	6	32
Park.....	8	3	11
Ravalli	3	1	4
Silver Bow.....	44	10	54
Sweet Grass.....	1		1
Teton.....	1	1	2
Yellowstone.....	6	3	9
Total			330
State Prison.....	4		4
Grand Total.....			334

TABLE NO. 4.

Nativity of American-born patients in the Asylum Nov. 30, 1895.

State		State	
Alabama.....	1	New Jersey.....	1
California.....	1	New York.....	5
Delaware.....	1	North Dakota.....	1
Idaho.....	1	Ohio.....	6
Illinois.....	11	Oregon.....	1
Indiana.....	2	Pennsylvania.....	10
Iowa.....	5	South Carolina.....	2
Kansas.....	1	Tennessee.....	1
Kentucky.....	5	Utah.....	1
Maryland.....	2	Vermont.....	2
Massachusetts.....	2	Virginia.....	2
Michigan.....	4	Washington, D. C.....	1
Minnesota.....	1	United States.....	18
Mississippi.....	1	Flathead Reservation.....	1
Missouri.....	14	Total.....	118
Montana.....	8		

TABLE NO. 5.

Nativity of Foreign-born patients in the Asylum Nov. 30, 1895.

Country		Country	
Austria.....	7	Italy.....	3
Bavaria.....	1	Mexico ..	1
Belgium.....	2	New Brunswick.....	2
Bohemia.....	3	Norway.....	9
Canada.....	20	Portugal.....	1
China.....	6	Russia.....	0
England.....	15	Scotland.....	6
France.....	6	Slavonia.....	1
Finland.....	9	Sweden.....	25
Germany.....	37	Switzerland.....	5
Holland.....	1	Total.....	204
Ireland.....	46		

TABLE NO. 6.

Total number of patients in the Asylum, November 30, 1895. Including American and Foreign born patients, and those whose nativity is unknown.

United States patients.....	118
Foreign patients.....	204
Unknown nativity.....	12
Total.....	334

TABLE NO. 7.

Occupation of Patients in the Asylum, November 30, 1895.

Occupation	Male	Female
Aeronaut	1	.....
Barber	1	.....
Blacksmith	2	.....
Book-keeper.....	1	.....
Bricklayer	1	.....
Butcher.....	2	.....
Carpenter.....	10	.....
Cattleman	1	.....
Civil Engineer.....	3	.....
Clerk	1	.....
Cook.....	3	.....
Cooper.....	1	.....
Cowboy.....	1	.....
Cyprian.....	.....	5
Engineer.....	1	.....
Farmer.....	26	.....
Fireman	2	.....
Freighter	2	.....
Fruit-dealer	1	.....
Gambler	2	.....
Housewife .....	.....	37
Hunter.....	1	.....
Laborer.....	92	.....
Law Student.....	1	.....
Lawyer	1	.....

TABLE NO. 7.—Continued.

Occupation	Male	Female
Machinist.....	1	.....
Mason.....	3	.....
Mechanic.....	1	.....
Merchant.....	1	.....
Miner.....	40	.....
Musician.....	1	.....
Painter.....	1	.....
Peddler.....	1	.....
Physician.....	1	.....
Preacher.....	1	.....
Prison Guard.....	1	.....
Prospector.....	3	.....
Railroader.....	4	.....
Rancher.....	8	.....
Sailor.....	2	.....
Saloon-keeper.....	1	.....
School-teacher.....	3	.....
Seamstress.....	.....	1
Section-hand.....	2	.....
Servant.....	.....	8
Sheep-herder.....	10	.....
Shoemaker.....	5	.....
Smelterman.....	2	.....
Soldier.....	1	.....
Stone-cutter.....	1	.....
Stone-mason.....	4	.....
Tailor.....	1	.....
Tanner.....	2	.....
Teamster.....	3	.....
Unknown.....	5	.....
Waitress.....	.....	1
Without occupation.....	2	8
Wood-chopper.....	4	.....
Lumberman.....	2	.....
	274	60
Total.....	.....	334

TABLE 8.

Showing Date of death, mental state, cause of insanity, nativity, age on admission, time in Asylum, and sex of twenty-three patients, died from Dec. 1, 1894, to Nov. 30, 1895.

Nativity	Age on Admission Years	Time in Asylum		M.	F.	Total.	Cause of Insanity	Date	Mental State	Cause of Death
		Yrs.	Mo's. Days							
England.....	49	.....	.....	1	.....	1	Unknown.....	Jan'y. 24, 1895	Acute Mania.....	Exhaustion.....
Canada.....	43	.....	1 29	.....	.....	1	Unknown.....	Feb. 6, 1895	Dementia.....	Brain softening.....
Scotland.....	39	.....	.....	.....	1	1	Unknown.....	Feb. 13, 1895	Acute Mania.....	Exhaustion.....
Germany.....	21	.....	.....	.....	1	1	Hereditary.....	Feb. 23, 1895	Melancholia.....	Exhaustion.....
Ireland.....	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Unknown.....	April 1, 1895	Dementia.....	Brain softening.....
England.....	38	.....	.....	1	.....	1	Unknown.....	April 1, 1895	Acute Mania.....	General Paralysis.....
New York.....	66	2	5 18	1	.....	1	Unknown.....	April 27, 1895	Senile Dementia.....	Heart failure.....
North Carolina.....	68	.....	.....	1	.....	1	Cerebral D-generation.....	April 29, 1895	Senile Dementia.....	Exhaustion.....
Ireland.....	40	3	1 1	1	.....	1	Unknown.....	May 4, 1895	Idiocy.....	Exhaustion.....
Minnesota.....	27	1	7 33	1	.....	1	Unknown.....	May 5, 1895	Imbecility.....	Peritonitis.....
Virginia.....	46	1	.....	1	.....	1	Cerebral Degeneration.....	May 16, 1895	Terminal Dementia.....	General Paralysis.....
England.....	21	12	.....	1	.....	1	Epilepsy.....	June 14, 1895	Epilepsy.....	Epileptic convulsions.....
New York.....	68	4	.....	.....	1	1	Unknown.....	June 15, 1895	Senile Dementia.....	Cerebral Hemorrhage.....
Ireland.....	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hereditary.....	June 22, 1895	Senile Dementia.....	Exhaustion.....
Michigan.....	52	.....	.....	1	.....	1	Epilepsy.....	June 22, 1895	Senile Dementia.....	Exhaustion.....
Prussia.....	21	.....	6 6	1	.....	1	Unknown.....	July 11, 1895	Par. Dementia.....	Exhaustion.....
Massachusetts.....	37	1	2 9	1	.....	1	Epilepsy.....	July 12, 1895	Melancholia.....	Exhaustion.....
Massachusetts.....	37	1	11 10	1	.....	1	Unknown.....	Aug. 13, 1895	Terminal Dementia.....	General Paralysis.....
Ireland.....	42	.....	.....	1	.....	1	Unknown.....	Aug. 16, 1895	Primary Dementia.....	Exhaustion.....
Ireland.....	55	.....	.....	1	.....	1	Traumatism.....	Sept. 30, 1895	Syphilitic Dementia.....	Exhaustion.....
New Brunswick.....	34	2	1 12	1	.....	1	Unknown.....	Oct. 16, 1895	Melancholia.....	Exhaustion.....
Canada.....	39	4	3 29	1	.....	1	Unknown.....	Nov. 4, 1895	Epilepsy.....	Epileptic convulsions.....
Vermont.....	73	.....	.....	1	.....	1	Unknown.....	Nov. 10, 1895	Epilepsy.....	Exhaustion.....
Total.....	.....	.....	.....	19	4	23	.....	.....	.....	.....

TABLE "A"

Showing the Amount paid Contractors monthly for the Keeping of Patients in the Insane Asylum of the State of Montana for the fiscal year commencing December 1, 1894, and ending December 1, 1895, and the Amount Paid out Monthly for Clothing for Discharged Patients, and the Amount of Money Paid out to such Patients during said Fiscal Year.

Expense of Keeping Patients from Dec. 1, 1894, to Dec. 16, 1894.

From Dec. 1, 1894, to Dec. 16, 1894, both inclusive, the State paid out for the care and keeping of patients, as follows:	
296 patients, 4,714 days, at 90c per capita, per day.....	\$ 4,242 60
The State paid out for clothing and cash gratuity on Dec. 17, 1894, for one patient discharged on the 31 day of Dec. 1894, as follows:	
Clothing.....	\$ 16 50
Cash Gratuity.....	20 00
	<hr/> 36 50
Total expense of Insane Asylum for 16 days, Dec. 1, 1894 to Dec. 16, 1894..	\$ 4,279 10

Expense of keeping Patients from Dec. 17, 1894, to Jan. 20, 1895.

From Dec. 17, 1894, to Jan. 20, 1895, both inclusive, the State paid out for the care and keeping of patients as follows:	
306 patients, 10,567 days at 90c per capita, per day.....	\$ 9,510 30
The State paid out for clothing and cash gratuity on Jan. 21, 1895, for one patient discharged Jan. 16, 1895, as follows:	
Clothing	\$ 16 50
Cash	20 00
	<hr/> 36 50
Total Exp. of Insane Asylum for 35 days, from Dec. 17, 1894, to Jan. 20, 1895	\$ 9,546 80

Expense of keeping Patients from Jan. 21, 1895, to Feb. 17, 1895.

From Jan. 21, 1895, to Feb. 17, 1895, both inclusive, the State paid out for the care and keeping of patients, as follows:	
314 patients, 8,739 days, at 90c per capita, per day.....	\$ 7,910 10
The State paid out for clothing and cash gratuity on Feb. 18, 1895, for three patients discharged between Jan. 21, 1895, and Feb. 17, 1895, as follows:	
Clothing	\$ 49 50
Cash	60 00
	<hr/> 109 50
Total Exp. of Insane Asylum for 28 days, from Jan. 21, 1895, to Feb. 17, '95	\$ 8,019 60

Expense of keeping Patients from Feb. 18, 1895 to Mar. 17, 1895.

From Feb. 18, 1895, to March 17, 1895, both inclusive, the State paid out for the care and keeping of patients, as follows:	
315 patients, 8,843 days, at 90c per capita, per day.....	\$ 7,958 70
The State paid out for clothing and cash gratuity on March 18, 1895, for six patients discharged between Feb. 18, 1895, and March 17, 1895 as follows:	
Clothing	\$ 66 00
Cash	120 00
Total Exp. of Insane Asylum for 28 days, from Feb. 18, 1895, to Mar. 17, '95	\$ 8,144 70

Expense of keeping Patients from Mar. 18, 1895, to April 14, 1895

From March 18, 1895, to April 14, 1895, both inclusive, the State paid out for the care and keeping of patients as follows:	
316 patients, 8,842 days at 90c per capita, per day.....	\$ 7,957 80
The State paid out for clothing and cash gratuity on April 15, 1895, for four patients discharged between Mar. 18, 1895, and April 14, 1895, as follows:	
Clothing	\$ 33 00
Cash.....	80 00
	<hr/> 113 00
Total Exp. of Insane Asylum for 28 days, from Mar. 18, '95 to Apr. 14, '95	\$ 8,070 80

Expense of keeping Patients from Apr. 15, 1895 to May 19, 1895.

From April 15, 1895, to May 18, 1895, both inclusive, the State paid out for the care and keeping of patients, as follows:

316 patients, 11,049 days, at 90c per capita, per day..... \$ 9,944 10

The State paid out for clothing and cash gratuity on May 20, 1895, for three patients discharged between April 15, and May 19, 1895, as follows:

Clothing	\$ 49 50	
Cash	50 00	
		99 50

Total expense of Insane Asylum for 35 days, from April 15, 1895 to May 19, 1895.....	\$ 10,043 60
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Expense of keeping Patients from May 20, 1895, to June 16, 1895.

From May 20, 1895, to June 16, 1895, both inclusive, the State paid out for the care and keeping of patients, as follows:

323 patients, 8,986 days, at 90c per capita, per day..... \$ 8,087 40

The State paid out for clothing and cash gratuity on June 17, 1895, for one patient discharged on June 12, 1895, as follows:

Clothing	\$ 16 50	
Cash	20 00	
		36 50

Total expense of Insane Asylum from May 20, 1895, to June 16, 1895, 28 days.....	\$ 8,123 90
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Expense of keeping Patients from June 17, 1895, to July 14, 1895.

From June 17, 1895, to July 14, 1895, both inclusive, the State paid out for the care and keeping of patients, as follows:

324 patients, 9,030 days, at 90c per capita, per day..... \$ 8,127 00

The State paid out for clothing and cash gratuity on July 15, 1895, for four patients discharged between June 17th, and July 14, 1895, as follows:

Clothing	\$ 33 00	
Cash	60 00	
		93 00

Total expense of Insane Asylum for 28 days, from June 17, 1895, to July 14, 1895.....	\$ 8,220 00
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Expense of keeping Patients from July 15, 1895, to Aug. 18, 1895.

From July 15, 1895, to Aug. 18, 1895, both inclusive, the State paid out for the care and keeping of patients, as follows:

324 patients, 11,341 days, at 90c per capita, per day.....	\$	10,206 90
The State paid out for clothing and cash gratuity on Aug. 19, 1895, for four patients discharged between July 15, and Aug. 18, 1895, as follows:		
Clothing	\$	66 00
Cash		80 00
		<u>146 00</u>
Total expense of Insane Asylum for 35 days, from July 15, 1895, to Aug. 18, 1895.....	\$	10,352 90

Expense of keeping Patients from Aug. 19, 1895 to Sept. 15, 1895.

From Aug. 19th, to Sept. 15, 1895, both inclusive, the State paid out for the care and keeping of patients, as follows:

327 patients, 9,208 days, at 90c per capita, per day.....	\$	8,287 20
The State paid out for clothing and cash gratuity on Sept. 16, 1895 for three patients discharged between Aug. 19th, and Sept. 15, 1895, as follows:		
Clothing	\$	49 50
Cash.....		60 00
		<u>109 50</u>
Total expense of Insane Asylum for 28 days, from Aug. 19th, to Sept. 15, 1895.....	\$	8,396 70

Expense of keeping Patients from Sept. 16, 1895 to Oct. 20, 1895.

From Sept. 16, 1895, to Oct. 20, 1895, both inclusive, the State paid out for the care and keeping of patients, as follows:

328 patients, 11,420 days, at 90c per capita, per day.....	\$	10,278 00
The State paid out for clothing and cash gratuity on Oct. 21, 1895, for four patients discharged between Sept. 16th, and Oct. 20, 1895, as follows:		
Clothing	\$	66 00
Cash.....		80 00
		<u>146 00</u>
Total expense of Insane Asylum for 35 days, from Sept. 16 1895 to October 20, 1895.....	\$	10,424 00

Expense of keeping Patients from Oct. 21, 1895 to Nov. 17, 1895.

From Oct. 21, 1895, to Nov. 17, 1895, both inclusive, the State paid out for the care and keeping of patients, as follows:

332 patients, 9,249 days, at 90c per capita, per day.....	\$	8,321 10
The State paid out on Nov. 6, 1895, for railroad and steamer fare for one Carrie Moulder, an insane patient, and her four children,.....	\$	300 00
On Nov. 18, 1895, the State paid out for clothing and cash gratuity for one patient discharged Nov. 8, 1895, as follows:		
Clothing	16 50	
Cash	20 00	
		36 50
Total expense of Insane Asylum for 28 days, from Oct. 21, 1895, to Nov. 17, 1895.....	\$	8,660 60

Expense of keeping Patients from Nov. 18, 1895 to Nov. 30, 1895.

From Nov. 18, 1895, to Nov. 30, 1895, both inclusive, the State paid out for the care and keeping of patients, as follows:

334 patients, 4,331 days, at 90c per capita, per day.....	\$	3,897 90
The State paid out for clothing and cash gratuity on Nov. 30, 1895, for one patient discharged on Nov. 27, 1895, as follows:		
Clothing	\$	16 50
Cash	20 00	
		36 50
Total expense of Insane Asylum for 13 days, from Nov. 18, 1895, to Nov. 30, 1895.....	\$	3,934 40

TABLE B.

Office expenses incurred by the Board, fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1895.

March 28, 1895.	Bought of T. H. Clewell, Stationery etc.....	\$	14 00
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RECAPITULATION.

Total expense Insane Asylum 16 days, from Dec. 1, 1894 to Dec. 16, 1894.....	\$	4,279 10
“ “ “ “ 35 “ “ Dec. 17, 1894 to Jan. 20, 1895.....		9,546 80
“ “ “ “ 28 “ “ Jan. 21, 1895 to Feb. 17, 1895.....		8,019 60
“ “ “ “ 28 “ “ Feb. 18, 1895 to Mar. 17, 1895.....		8,144 70
“ “ “ “ 28 “ “ Mar. 18, 1895 to April 14, 1895.....		8,070 80
“ “ “ “ 35 “ “ April 15, 1895 to May 19, 1895.....		10,043 60
“ “ “ “ 28 “ “ May 20, 1895 to June 16, 1895.....		8,123 90
“ “ “ “ 28 “ “ June 17, 1895 to July 14, 1895.....		8,220 00
“ “ “ “ 35 “ “ July 15, 1895 to Aug. 18, 1895.....		10,352 90
“ “ “ “ 28 “ “ Aug. 19, 1895 to Sept. 15, 1895.....		8,396 70
“ “ “ “ 35 “ “ Sept. 16, 1895 to Oct. 20, 1895.....		10,424 00
“ “ “ “ 28 “ “ Oct. 21, 1895 to Nov. 17, 1895.....		8 660 60
“ “ “ “ 13 “ “ Nov. 18, 1895 to Nov. 30, 1895.....		3,934 40
Total expense of Insane Asylum for the year.....	\$	106,217 10

